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FEATURING

THE

HUMAN TORCH

AND

DOCTOR

STRANGE

FIGHT ON,
JOHNNY STORM! UNLESS
WE DEFEAT THIS
DEMONIC HORDE--

--THE VALKYRIE
SHALL **DIE!**

THE WOMAN
MUST DIE--BY
WILL YOU--BY
THE HAND OF
JEREMIAH!

IT'S A SUPERNATURAL SHOCKER!

BLOOD CHURCH!

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HUMAN TORCH AND DOCTOR STRANGE TOGETHER!

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*THE HUMAN TORCH: POSSIBLY THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, NEXT TO THE MONSTROUS THING.



*HE APPEARS TO BE ATTACKING A PAIR OF COMMON CRIMINALS, CAUGHT IN THE COMMISSION OF A THEFT.

*INTRIGUING. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SUCH DISPLAYS OF VIRTUOSITY TOO IMMATURE FOR JOHNNY STORM.



*STILL, HE IS BUT A YOUTH...

*...AND MUST BE EXCUSED HIS MOMENTARY ENTHUSIASMS.



HE'S TRAPPED THE CRIMINALS IN A FIRE-RING.

*YES...HE IS THE MAN I NEED...

WITH A SIMPLE, ALMOST LAZULI GESTURE, THE TALL MAN RETURNS THE MYSTIC ORB TO ITS PEDestal.



HE FROWNS THOUGHTFULLY, EYES REFLECTING HIS PREOCCUPATION.

SPIDER-MAN HAS DISAPPEARED FROM NEW YORK--VANISHING SOON AFTER HE AND THE VALKYRIE DEFEATED THE MENACE OF THE SELF-STYLED METEOR MAN.*

VALKYRIE HAS ALSO VANISHED, WITHOUT A WORD TO ME OR ANY OTHER DEFENDER.



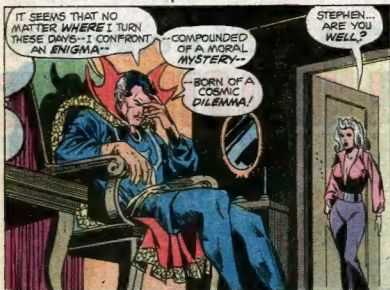
* SHOWN LAST ISSUE.--LEN.

SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, JOHNNY STORM HAS TEAMED WITH SPIDER-MAN ...AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, IS THE WALL-CRAWLER'S ONLY TRUE FRIEND.*

BUT--DARE I INVOLVE HIM IN THIS MYSTERY, IF WHAT I SUSPECT IS REALITY?



* AS FAR AS DOC KNOWS.--LEN.



--COMPOUNDED OF A MORAL MYSTERY--

--BORN OF A COSMIC DILEMMA!

STEPHEN...
ARE YOU WELL?



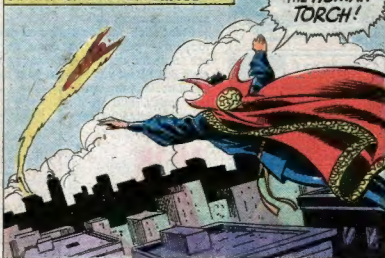
NO, CLEA. SOME-
TIMES I BECOME
WEARY WITH THE
WORLD. IT PASSES.

THERE ARE DECISIONS--
WHICH ARE MORE
DIFFICULT THAN
OTHERS.

CAN I
HELP?



YOU'VE FIRMED MY RESOLVE, FOR YOU'VE
REMINDED ME OF MY RESPONSIBILITY
AS A MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS--





HEY, IF IT ISN'T OLD DOC STRANGE!

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS PART OF THE CITY, DOC? I THOUGHT YOU HUNG OUT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE!

YOU DO, JOHNNY STORM.



AN...ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE WAS LAST SEEN WITH AN...ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS.

HER NAME IS VALKYRIE; HIS SPIDER-MAN.

THEY'VE SINCE DISAPPEARED-- BOTH OF THEM.



DON'T LOOK AT ME, DOC. I DIDN'T TAKE THEM!

PLEASE...THIS ISN'T A TIME FOR FLIPPANCY.

YOU KNOW SPIDER-MAN. YOU UNDERSTAND HIS WAY OF THINKING.

WILL YOU HELP ME LOCATE VALKYRIE?



WHY NOT? I'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO RIGHT NOW.

ANY CLUES WHERE THEY MIGHT HAVE GONE?

"JUST TWO," DOCTOR STRANGE REPLIES...



THEY WERE INVESTIGATING A MAN NAMED NORTON FESTER--THE METEOR MAN.

YOU MIGHT EXAMINE FESTER'S OLD APARTMENT IN HARLEM. I'LL TALK WITH THE POLICE.

GOOD LUCK, DOC.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU, MY YOUNG FRIEND.

SOON, ON A SIDESTREET IN THE
HORNINGSIDE PARK SECTION
OF MANHATTAN...

TERRIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD
THIS FESTER GUY LIVED IN.



IF HE
LIVED
HERE--



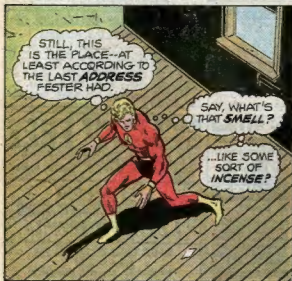
--AND FROM THE LOOK OF
THIS OLD APARTMENT OF HIS,
IF HE EVER DID, HE **HASN'T**
IN A LONG TIME.



STILL, THIS
IS THE PLACE--AT
LEAST ACCORDING TO
THE LAST ADDRESS
FESTER HAD.

SAY, WHAT'S
THAT SMELL?

...LIKE SOME
SORT OF
INCENSE?



MISTER...
WILL YOU
HELP ME...

WHAT--?



I'M
FRIGHTENED,
MISTER.

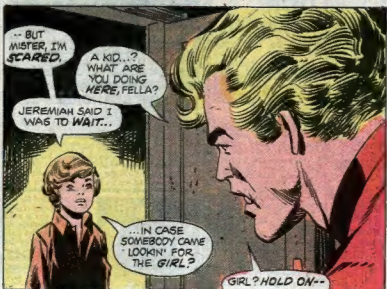
JEREMIAH
SAVS WE
SHOULDN'T
EVER BE
FRIGHTENED,
IF WE'RE
INNOCENTS
OF GOD--



-- BUT
MISTER, I'M
SCARED.

A KID...?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE, FELLA?

JEREMIAH SAID I
WAS TO WAIT...



...IN CASE
SOMEBODY CAME
'LOOKIN' FOR
THE GIRL?

GIRL? HOLD ON--



CHAPTER TWO:

CHURCH OF BLOOD!

FOR AN UNKNOWN LENGTH OF TIME,
JOHNNY STORM DWELLS IN DARKNESS.

THEN, WHEN THE DARK-
NESS FINALLY FADES...
HE FINDS HIMSELF AWAKE
IN THE MOST OF MAD-
NESS!

HEAR ME,
O INNOCENT ONES!

HEAR YOUR
PROTECTOR,
WHO BRINGS YOU
THE WORD OF
GOD!

HOLY COW...! WHAT
SORT OF WEIRD SCENE IS THIS...?

PRaise BE THE LORD!
PRaise BE THE WORD
OF HIS PROPHET!

ALMIGHTY GOD
HAS GIVEN US
THIS GIRL FOR
USE AS A
SACRIFICE TO
HIS PERFECT
MAJESTY--

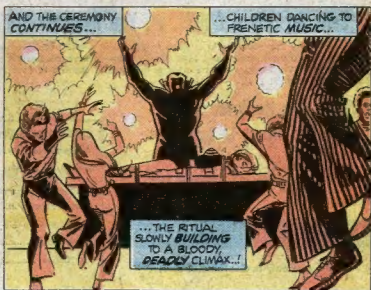
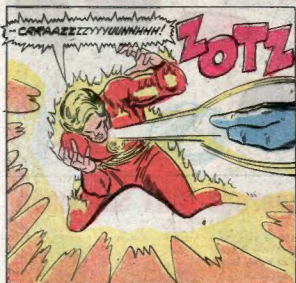
--THAT WE MIGHT
EXPRESS OUR LOVE
FOR HIS GLORY--

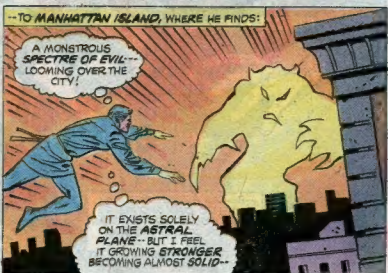
--AND GAIN
GLORY FOR OURSELVES--
FOR ALL
TIME!

"TO GAIN THIS GLORY, WE MUST ACT RUTHLESSLY
AND WITHOUT MERCY. I AM THE PROPHET OF
GOD, AND I PROCLAIM--THE GIRL
MUST DIE!"

NUTS TO
THAT IDEA,
BOZO!

FLAME
ON!







BEFORE HE BECAME A MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, STEPHEN STRANGE WAS A DOCTOR, A MAN OF MEDICINE.

FOR A TIME, HE LOST SIGHT OF HIS DUTIES AS A DOCTOR--BUT ONLY FOR A TIME.

HE HAS NEVER RESISTED A CRY FOR AD..

AIDING HAS BECOME A REFLEX FOR STEPHEN STRANGE.

PAIN... AGONY. MUST STOP PAIN.

CREATURE BRINGS PAIN STOP CREATURE.

CREATURE... YOU... WILL DIE.

RELEASE THE FEMALE AND THE PAIN WILL END, DEMON.

FEMALE CANNOT GO. FEMALE BELONGS TO ORUTHU.

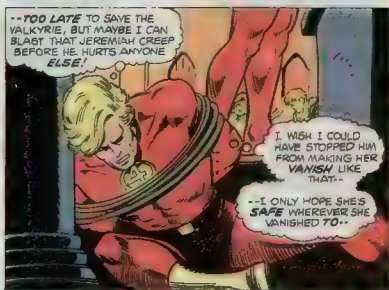
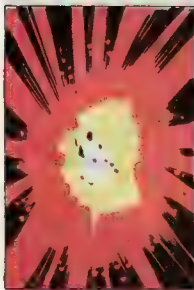
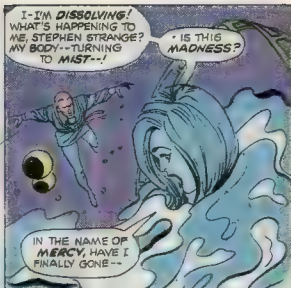
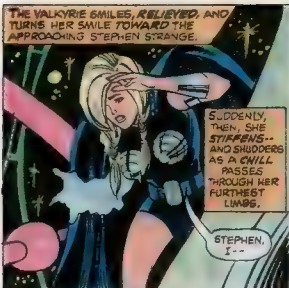
STEPHEN, I CAN'T FIGHT THEM!

THIS WORLD HAS WEAKENED ME SOMEHOW--!

"THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO FIGHT THEM, VAL," DOCTOR STRANGE REPLIES.

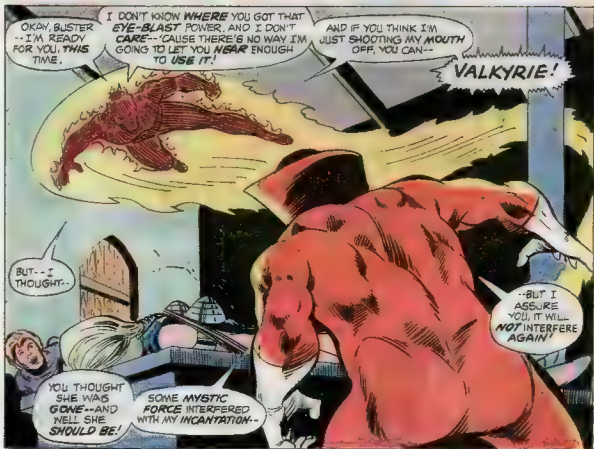
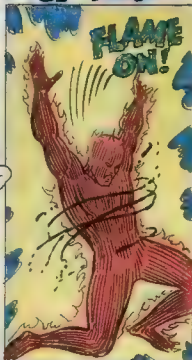
"A SIMPLE SPELL OF DESTRUCTION--"

"AND THE DEED IS DONE."

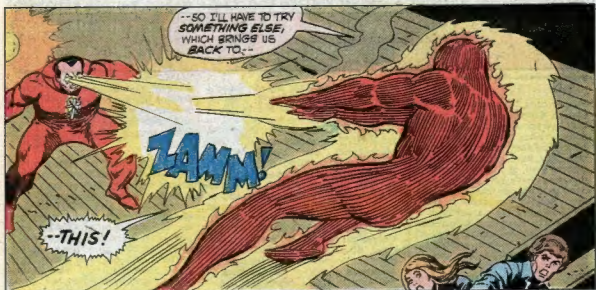


CHAPTER THREE:

THE FLAMES OF BATTLE!







-- SO I'LL HAVE TO TRY
SOMETHING ELSE,
WHICH BRINGS US
BACK TO--

ZAWN!

--THIS!



THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD, HEATHEN
CLOWN! HE
PROVIDES ME WITH
WISDOM AND
PROTECTION!

ARE YOU SO
MAD YOU
THINK YOU CAN
MATCH HIS
POWER?



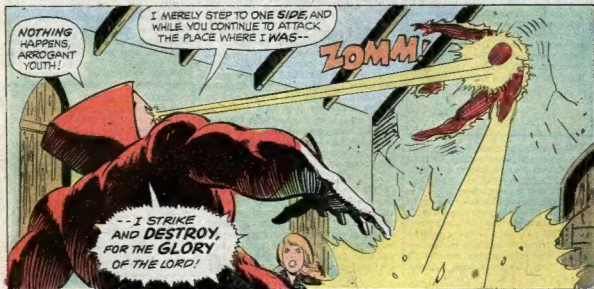
ZAA-

ZOOM



I'M DOING A FAIR JOB
SO FAR, JEREMIAH!

LET'S SEE
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN I REALLY
POUR IT ON!

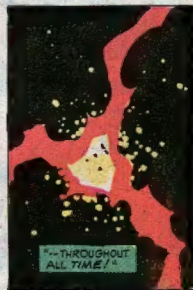


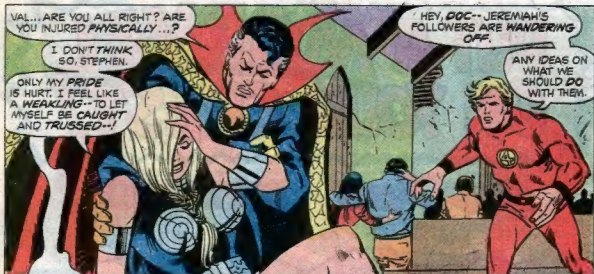
NOTHING
HAPPENS,
ARROGANT
YOUTH!

I MERELY STEP TO ONE SIDE, AND
WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO ATTACK
THE PLACE WHERE I WAS--

ZOMM!

-- I STRIKE
AND DESTROY,
FOR THE GLORY
OF THE LORD!





NEXT SPIDEY MEETS FRANKENSTEIN!